

The depth of pipelines can change over time due to soil compaction or removal, natural settling, wind, water erosion and floods. It is imperative to know what's below by having lines located.

Pipelines run all across Alberta

Signs typically indicate there are pipelines in the area, but do not show the exact location and depth. There is no way of knowing what ground deterioration has occurred since installation. Other pipes and cables may be installed at shallower depths where low depths of cover over the pipes have occurred over time.

Rupturing a pipeline can lead to consequences far beyond the immediate risk of injury or death, causing severe damage to the environment and communities.

Other consequences include the social costs of supply loss, major inconvenience, and the responsibility for damages, repairs, reclamation costs and provincial fines.

Farmers and rural landowners with pipelines on their property are permitted to carry out normal farming activities from seeding in spring to harvesting in fall. **However, they are required to obtain written consent when working within 30m (metres) of a pipeline right-of-way (ROW).** Activities on ROWs include, *but are not limited to:*

- **Any excavation or ground disturbance that removes or adds soil cover within 30m of a pipeline, including the ROW.**
- Fencing, driving posts, auguring
- Landscaping, sodding, topsoil
- Trenching, ditching
- Brush/tree/stump removal
- Maintaining dykes/culverts
- Driveways, private roads, lanes
- Land levelling, grading, lease projects
- Building Structures (retaining wall, shed, garage, pool, etc.)
- Drainage projects, installing irrigation systems
- Underground facility maintenance (Water/Sewer, electrical, gas, oil, etc.)
- Ploughed-in cable
- Snow removal
- Large mowers
- Use of especially heavy equipment

Contact the pipeline owner directly when planning any of the above activities.

Where's the LINE?

Share this information and help keep Albertans safe. Contact with a utility can have many devastating costs, including death. Always ask yourself, Where's the LINE? and visit ClickBeforeYouDig.com

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